

CSCI 331:  
Introduction to Computer Security

Lecture 22: What I do

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## Announcements



**CS Holiday Party**  
**Friday, Dec 8 @ 2:35pm**  
**CS Common Room**

Join the CS faculty and your peers for an end-of-semester celebration. We will have hot cocoa and treats for you to enjoy. Last gathering of the year!

## Your to-dos

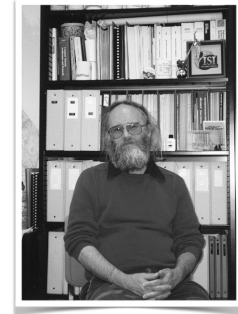
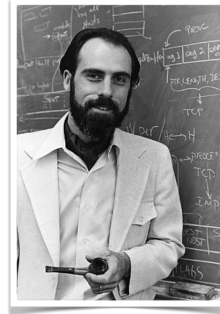
1. Final project, **due Sunday, Dec 10 at 10pm.**
2. Optional book report, now due **Sunday, Dec 17.**
3. Resubmissions due **Sunday, Dec 17.**
4. If you want to talk about your project (or anything else), I have office hours:
  - **Today**, from 4-5:30pm
  - **Friday**, from 12:30-1:30pm

## Topics

More IP networking  
What I do

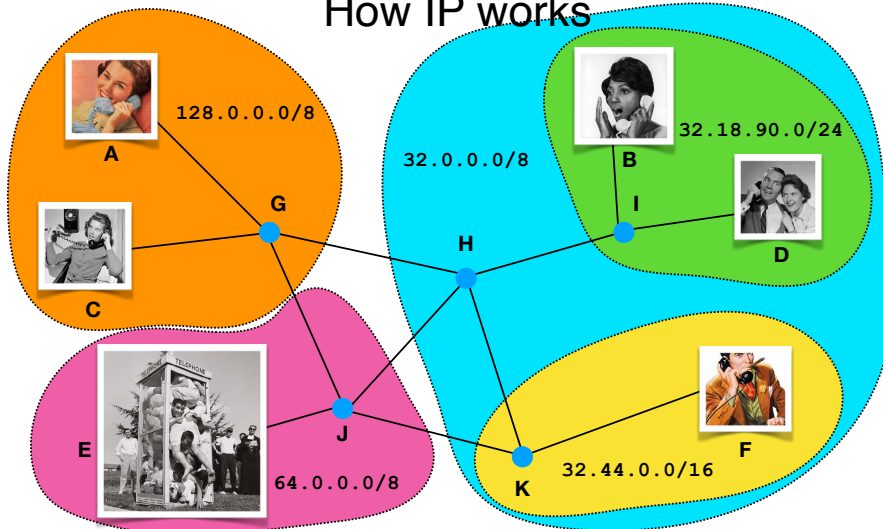
## IP networking, continued

## IP networking



- Invented in 1974 by Vint Cerf (Stanford), Bob Kahn (BBN), and Jon Postel (UCLA).
- Key idea: “**connectionless**”
  - instead of connections, do “**packet switching**”

## How IP works



- Recall: **A** wants to talk to **F**.

## IPv4 address

It's like a **mailing address** for the **Earth**.

**32 . 45 . 8 . 12**

Each byte (“octet”) is between 0 and 255 (0 to  $2^8 - 1$ ).

This is actually just a 32-bit number split into 4 pieces.

00100000001011010100010000001100  
32      45      8      12

# CIDR

Classless Interdomain Routing ("cider")

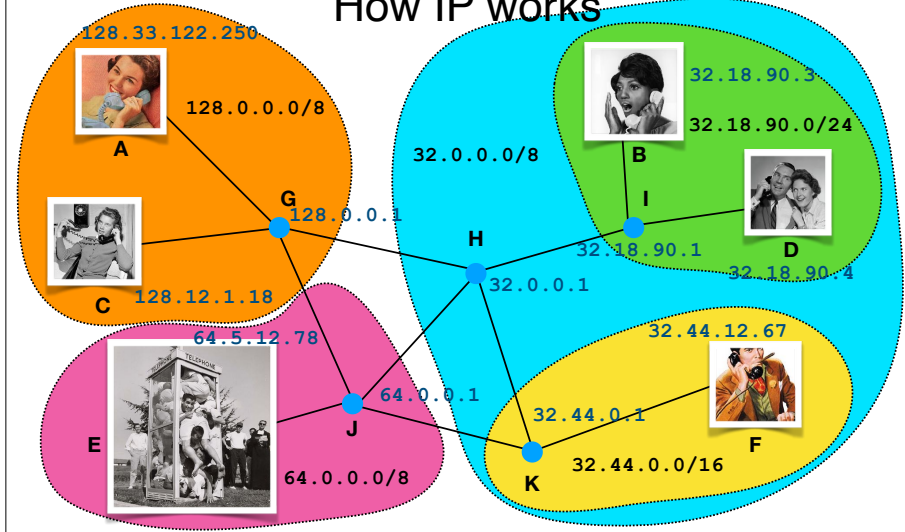
**32.0.0.0/8**

address prefix    subnet mask

addr: 001010000000101101100000100000000001100  
 mask: [11111111][00000000][00000000][00000000]

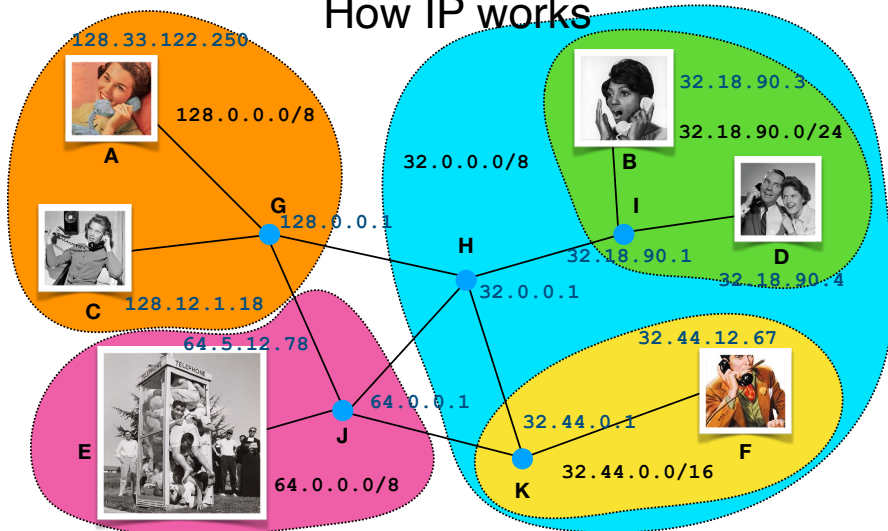
- The subnet mask says which part of the address is fixed, and which part is variable.
- An AS is responsible for routing the variable part.
- In this example, any router knows that the AS for 32.0.0.0/8 is responsible for routing any packet with an address starting with 32.

# How IP works



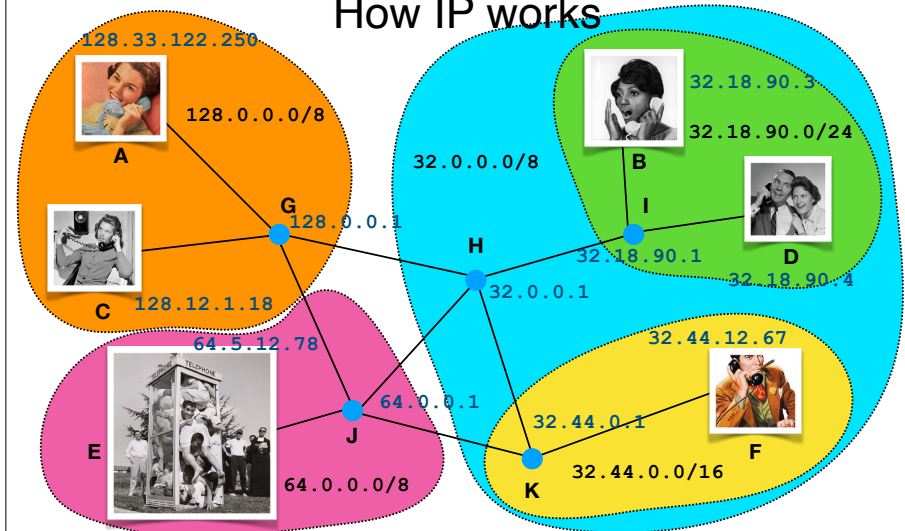
- Every host on the Internet has an IP address.

# How IP works



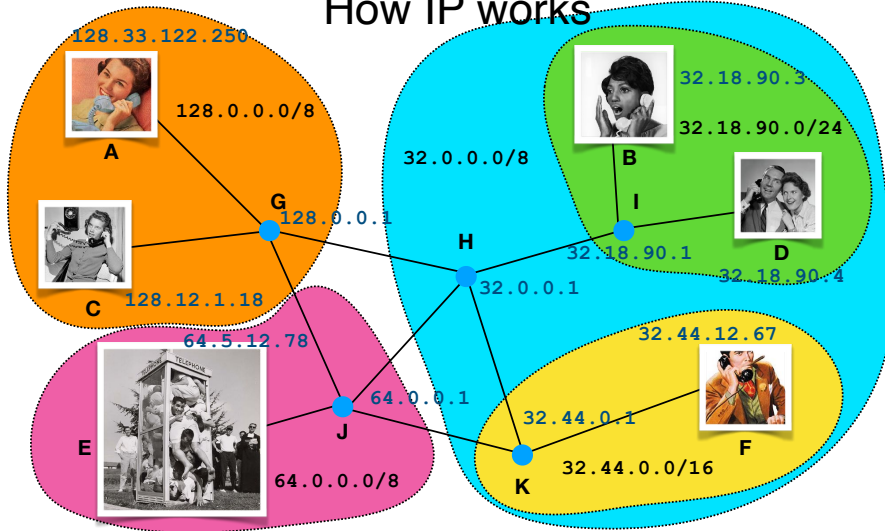
- To route, a router simply needs to find out what routers are responsible for routing packets in a given subnet: this information is stored in a **route table**.

# How IP works



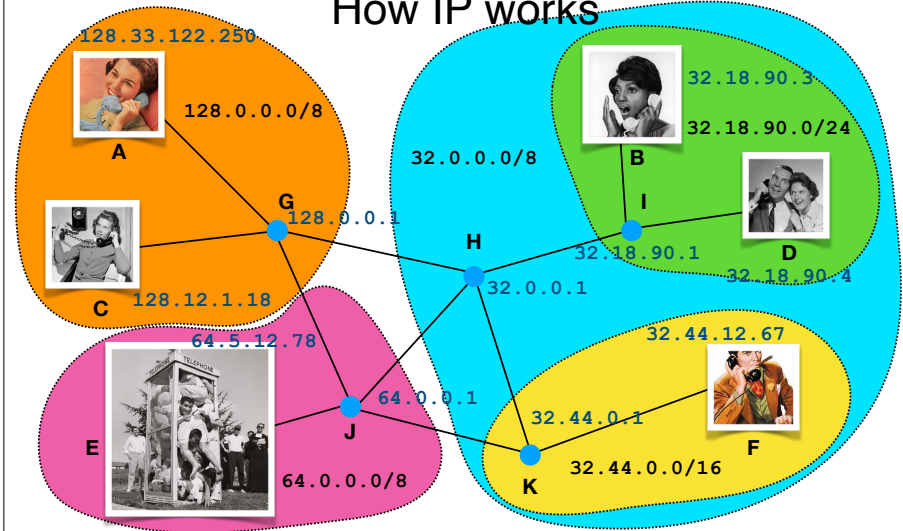
- It then **forwards** the packet to the **next hop** on the way to that subnet.

## How IP works



- Tables are only big for a router at the **edge** of a network (e.g., H).

## How IP works



- 128.33.122.250 wants to send to 32.44.12.67. How?

## How IP works

Route table on 128.33.122.250 (A)

Destination	Gateway	Interface	Cost
default	128.0.0.1	en0	1
127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	lo0	0

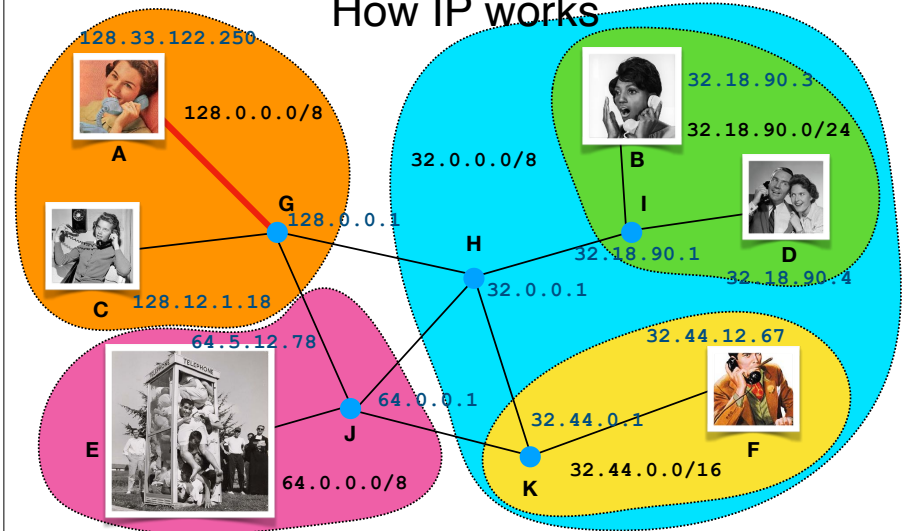
Every device connected to the Internet has a route table.

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dbarowy@tash ~ % netstat -rn
Routing tables

Internet:
Destination      Gateway          Flags           Netif Expire
default          172.172.172.1   UGScg          en3
127              127.0.0.1       UCS            lo0
127.0.0.1        127.0.0.1       UH             lo0
169.254          link#22         UCS            en3 !
172.172.172/24   link#22         UCS            en3 !
172.172.172.1/32 link#22         UCS            en3 !
172.172.172.1   0:30:18:9:cc:56 UHLWIr        en3 227
172.172.172.23/32 link#22         UCS            en3 !
172.172.172.255 ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff UHLWbI        en3 !
224.0.0/4        link#22         UmCS           en3 !
255.255.255.255/32 link#22         UCS            en3 !
    
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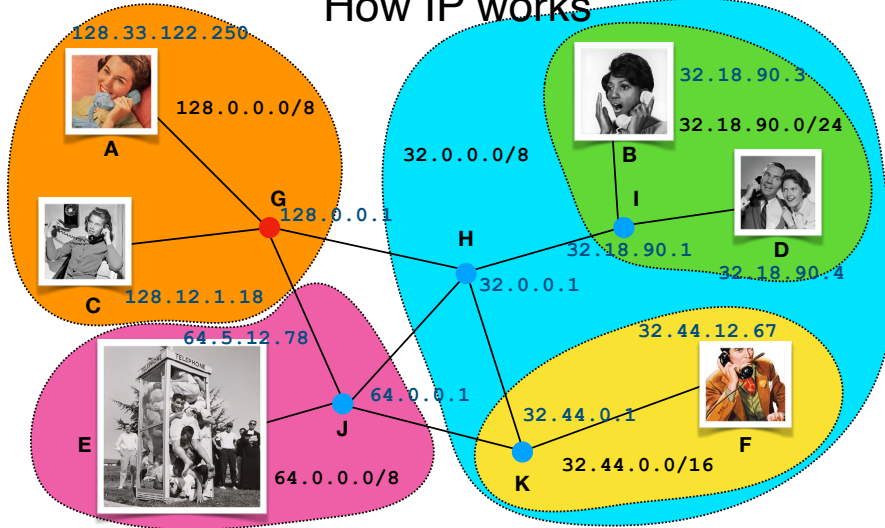
## How IP works



- 128.33.122.250 sends to 128.0.0.1 over en0.



## How IP works



- The packet is now **G**'s problem.

## How IP works

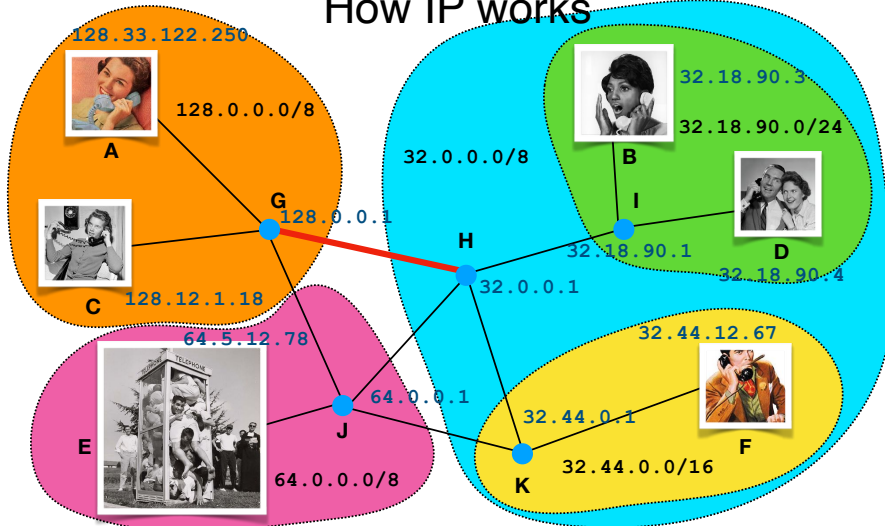
Route table on 128.0.0.1 (G)

Destination	Gateway	Interface	Cost	AD
32.0.0.0/8	32.0.0.1	en0	1	2
32.18.90.0/24	32.0.0.1	en0	2	2
32.18.90.0/24	64.0.0.1	en1	3	3
32.44.0.0/16	32.0.0.1	en0	2	2
32.44.0.0/16	64.0.0.1	en1	2	3
64.0.0.0/8	64.0.0.1	en1	2	2
128.12.1.18	128.12.1.18	en2	1	1
128.33.122.250	128.33.122.250	en2	1	1

Destination: F (32.44.12.67)

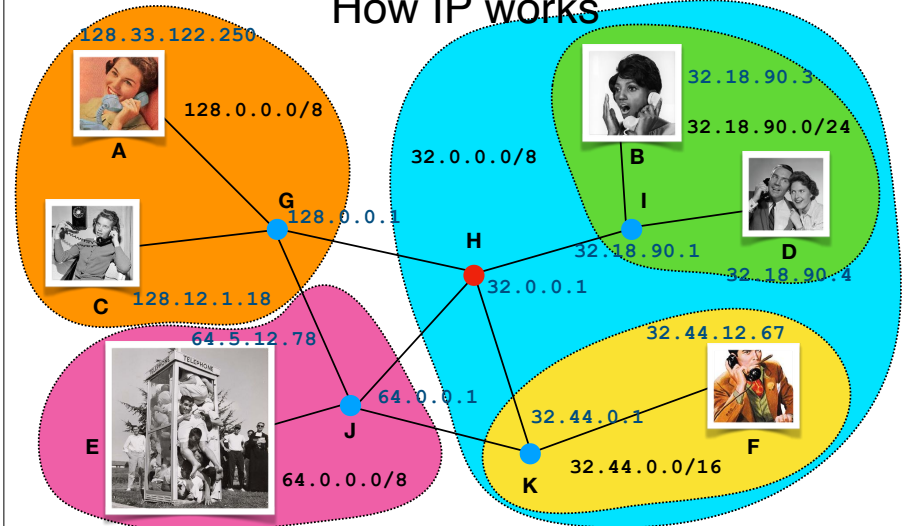
- Longest prefix**, then if tie
- Administrative distance** ("sysadmin fudge factor"), then if tie
- Lowest cost**

## How IP works



- 128.0.0.1 sends to 32.0.0.1 over en0.

## How IP works



- The packet is now **H**'s problem.

# How IP works

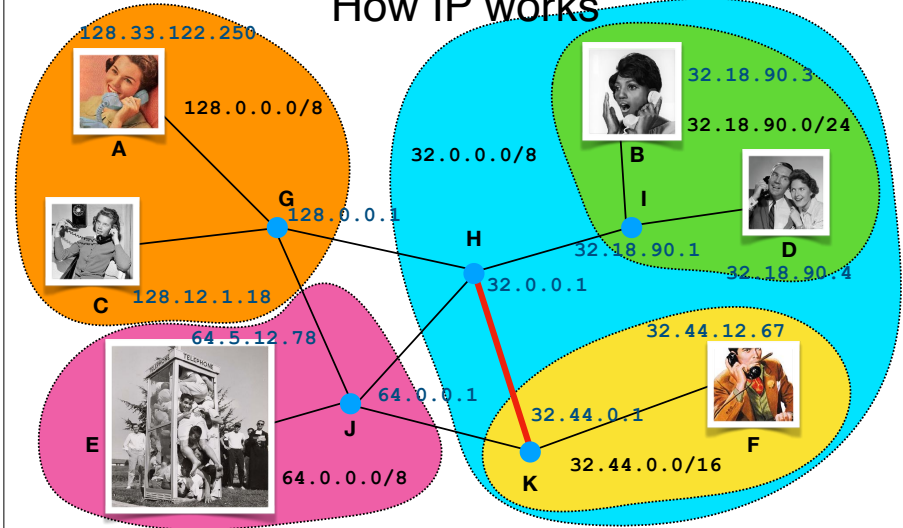
Route table on 32.0.0.1 (H)

Destination	Gateway	Interface	Cost	AD
32.18.90.0/24	32.0.0.1	en4	1	1
32.44.0.0/16	32.0.0.1	en3	1	1
64.0.0.0/8	64.0.0.1	en2	1	2
64.0.0.0/8	128.0.0.1	en1	2	3
128.0.0.0/8	64.0.0.1	en2	2	3
128.0.0.0/8	128.0.0.1	en1	1	2

Destination: F (32.44.12.67)

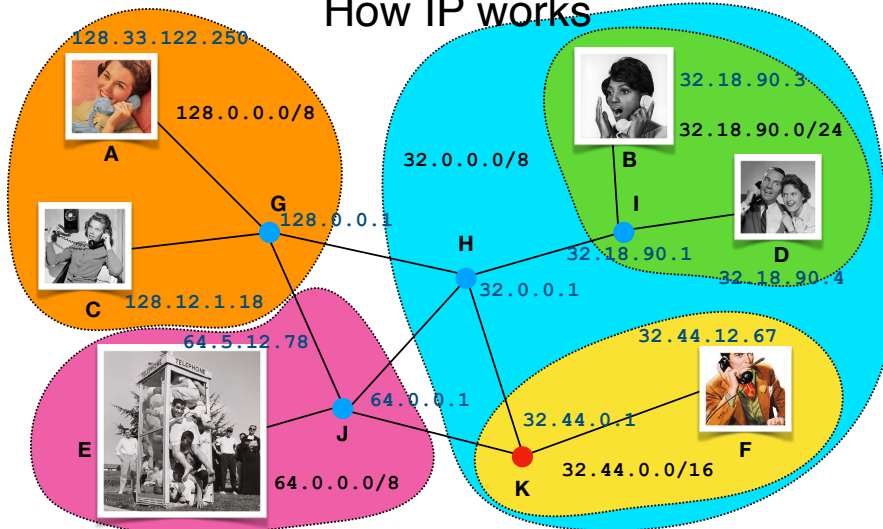
- **Longest prefix**, then if tie
- **Administrative distance** (“sysadmin fudge factor”), then if tie
- **Lowest cost**

# How IP works



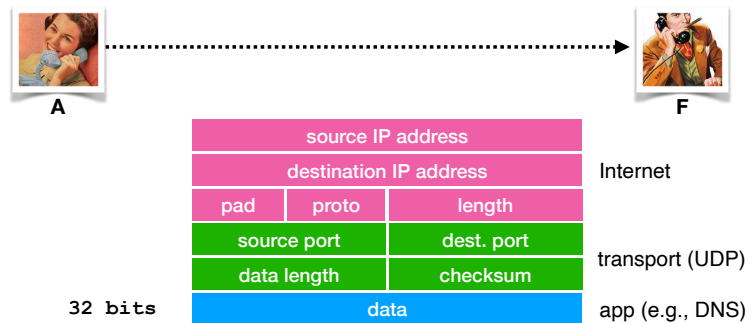
- 32.0.0.1 sends to 32.44.0.1 over en3.

# How IP works



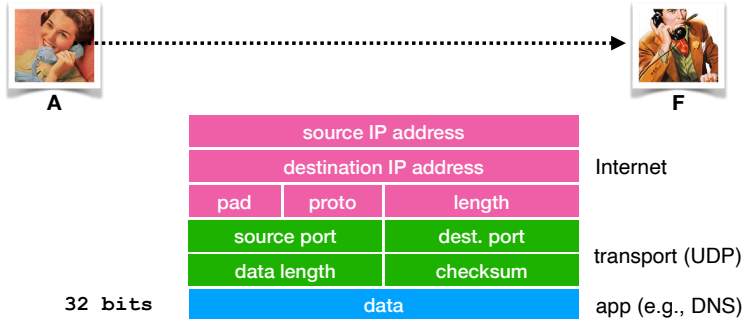
- The packet is now **K**'s problem.
- And so on... (**K** is directly connected to **F**)

# What is a packet? UDP/IP



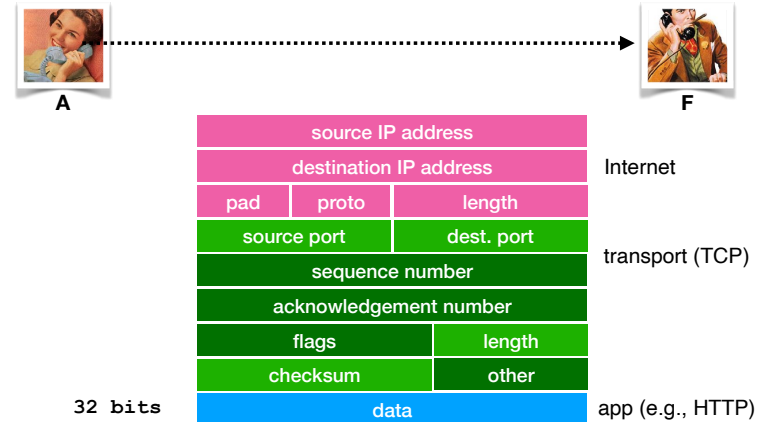
- **A** wants to send data to **F** of arbitrary length  $len$ .
- **A** attaches application info. What source and destination port? (WKP)
- Also length and checksum (to check data transmitted correctly).
- **A** attaches IP information. What are source and dest. address?
- This (UDP) packet is sent from one host to another.
- Intermediate nodes do not look “inside” the packet. They just forward the data.

## What is a packet? UDP/IP



- When a packet arrives at final destination, the Internet part is removed and the rest is handed to the application.
- The application only needs to worry about the transport part.
- UDP only tells the receiver basic information, and if something goes wrong, it's the application's job to handle it.

## What is a packet? TCP/IP



- Sometimes we need more reliability.
- TCP is an alternative transport that provides reliability.
- Provides a "pseudo connection" abstraction.
- Ensures that **packets** arrive **in order**, **intact**, with "**best effort**."

How IP works: questions?

Why does networking matter to security?

## The Cuckoo's Egg

There was a PBS NOVA special on this....

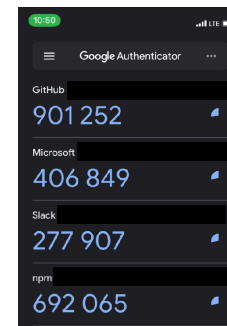


Is hacking easier or harder now?

What I do

## Passwords

- Every site: unique email & password
- Password manager or passwords on paper?
- Use 2FA everywhere I can.



## Anti-tracking

- I don't use Chrome or Edge.
- Ad-blocking extensions:
  - Firefox: uBlock Origin
  - Safari (iOS): Disconnect Premium
- Javascript-blocking extensions:
  - Firefox: NoScript
  - Safari (iOS): sadly... no equivalent
- DNS filtering: Disconnect DNS Privacy
- Home network:
  - OpenBSD firewall running pf
    - Block traditionally bad netblocks
    - Block all traffic from ad networks
    - Many other custom rules (e.g., block IoT devices)

## Internet of Things

- Approach this area with great caution.
- Virtually all devices “phone home”.
- Virtually all devices stop getting patches at some point —some of them are never patched!
- Worth noting that IoT devices are just computers attached to a physical device.
  - You all have the skills to roll your own.
  - Many IoT protocols are open standards (i.e., Thread)

## Internet of Things

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### INTERNET OF THINGS - IOT

Turn on your lights - from anywhere. Monitor your home security system - from anywhere. Sense a theme? The Internet of Things, or IoT, is a groundbreaking way to add convenience and flexibility to your life by connecting commonly used objects to the Internet and then controlling them through a WiFi connected device.

The possibilities are endless, especially since the technology's advancing almost every day, with Adafruit at the forefront of innovation. Check out our development boards like the [Feather Huzzah](#) or start with a kit for IoT beginners, like the [Adafruit IO Starter Pack](#). If you need more power, upgrade to a [Raspberry Pi](#) to create more complex Internet of Things appliances. Once your devices are set up, and you're hooked on IoT, check out [adafruit.io](#) - the easiest way to stream, log, and interact with your data.

Feather & Huzzah (14) Cellular (4) Ethernet (18) Extras (5) Bluetooth (24) Packs (39) WIFI (32)

#### Panel Mount Ethernet Extension Cable

PRODUCT ID: 909

This handy Ethernet extension cable will make it easy for you to enclose a device that has an Ethernet port. We think this would be most useful when putting a Beagle Bone, Raspberry Pi, Arduino Ethernet into a box. The jack half has two mounting 'ears' with 4-40 screws installed, 1" inch / 25mm apart. The ears are flexible so the holes don't have to...

## Mobile device security

- Do not show text messages on lock screen
- Generally disable anything on lock screen
- Configure device to wipe itself on failed login attempts
- Only use social media through website, NOT APP.
  - Use Firefox “multi-account containers” to prevent cross-site tracking (e.g., cookies)
- Toss up: “find my device”
  - I use it... because I lose stuff all the time.



## Payments

- **Credit cards** are horribly insecure
  - Stealing credit card numbers is trivially easy
  - However
    - Risk is on the bank
    - Maximum loss up to \$50
    - Inconvenience of reporting is on you
    - Banks actively monitor fraud.
- **I avoid credit cards.**



## Payments

- Do not use **debit cards** except at trusted ATMs
  - Authentication is weak (short PIN)
  - Risk is on the bank, however liability is complicated and maximum loss is much higher (including **ALL YOUR MONEY**).
  - You pay until merchant dispute is resolved.
  - Not as actively monitored as CC.
- **I avoid them as much as possible.**
- More info:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0213-lost-or-stolen-credit-atm-and-debit-cards>



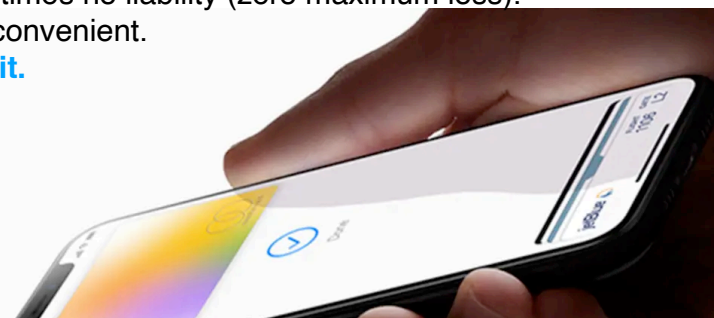
## Payments

- **Cash** is not terrible
  - Risk is entirely on you, but is manageable (you don't carry all your money all the time)
  - It is inconvenient.
- **I sometimes use it.**



## Payments

- **NFC** (near-field communication) payments are promising
  - Many different systems— hard to generalize, BUT
  - Risk on bank, but risk is usually lower (hard to steal credentials; varies by vendor).
  - Sometimes no liability (zero maximum loss).
  - Very convenient.
- **I use it.**





## Payments

### • Cryptocurrency

- Value is volatile.
- Wild west—many currencies have no limited liability backed by federal regulation
  - The point of most cryptocurrency is to eliminate trust in financial institutions
- Charges are usually not reversible
- In short: you can lose all your money
- Security strongly depends on quality of implementation
- Security strongly depends on good “opsec”
- Neither of these things are true with traditional money
- Anonymity claims are largely untrue

• I don't use it.

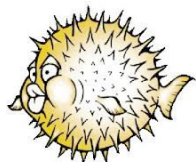
<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-know-about-cryptocurrency-and-scams>

## Backups

- You should back up your data.
- Make as many copies as you can afford.
- Think short-term and long-term backups.
  - Short-term defends against accidents.
  - Long-term defends against ransomware (and some accidents).
- Long-term backups should be kept off-site.
- Flash memory (SSDs; thumb drives) is not reliable for long-term storage.
  - Use magnetic or optical media.
  - Gold standard: magtape.
  - Next best: BDXL
  - Most practical: hard disks

## When I get a new computer

- I turn off all optional services.
- macOS has some.
- Linux has a lot.
- Windows has an insane number.
- Almost none: the BSDs.
  - NetBSD runs on your Raspberry Pi. Try it!



OpenBSD



FreeBSD



## Unreasonable things I also do

- I don't like cloud computing—often serves as a “vendor lock-in” mechanism
- I host many of my own services.
  - firewall
  - DIY wifi access points (Raspberry Pi Zeros!)
    - No SSID beacons; passwords required.
  - email
  - filesharing
  - streaming video
  - streaming audio
- I use “weird” architectures.
  - E.g., OpenBSD on ARMv7.

Thanks for the enjoyable semester!

## Recap & Next Class

### Today we learned:

IP networking

What I do

### Next class:

No next class!